



## **BWCs and Personal Identifying Information**

BWCs are a valuable tool particularly for documentation; however, unwanted documentation of a deputy's personal or private information may also be captured on your BWC video. Additionally, recording of RIPA entries on BWCs conflicts with the legislation which states that officer identifying information will not be published. Please take the following tips into consideration when utilizing a BWC to mitigate the instances where deputy personal identifying information may be recorded:

- Be cognizant of both your personal and work cell phone screens when your BWC is recording
- Handle your cell phone outside of the BWC frame of view when possible
- Make sure your BWC is not in the record mode when completing RIPA entries
- Avoid handling personal or private documentation while recording such as your department ID card, license, and banking/payroll documents
- Be aware of other deputies recording around you when discussing personal or private matters as the BWC microphones often pick up background conversations

Following these tips will help ensure your personal and private information is not published or accessed by others and will help comply with RIPA regulations. For questions about BWCs, please contact the Video Analysis Unit at [VAU@sdsheriff.org](mailto:VAU@sdsheriff.org).